

(a) whether there is a gap between the creation and utilisation of irrigation potential in the country;

. (b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cumulative gap between creation and utilisation of irrigation potential till the end of Seventh Plan Period was 8,32 million hectares.

(c) The Government is implementing the Command Area Development programme for reducing the gap between potential created and utilised and has also taken a series of measures for improving water management practices to bridge the gap. In addition, the States have also been asked to re-appraise the figure of potential created in order to correct over-reporting if any.

[Translation]

Branch Post Offices in Panchayats of Bihar

5138. SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the number of Panchayats of Hazaribagh district in Bihar where branch post offices have been set up and the number of Panchayats where such post offices are yet to be set up; and

(b) the time by which the Government propose to set up branch post offices in the remaining Panchayats?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) the number of Panchayats of Hazaribagh district in Bihar where branch post offices have been set up is 281 and the number of Panchayats without post offices is 113.

(b) It is not feasible to indicate any time frame in this regard as post offices in rural areas are sanctioned keeping in view the population, income and distance norms. Gram Panchayat, Headquarters are, however, given due weightage for location of post offices subject to fulfilment of prescribed norms.

Tourist facilities on Occasion of "Singhesh Kumbh"

5139. SHRI SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state the details of assistance and tourists facilities being provided by the Union Government on the occasion of 'Singhesh Kumbh' festival likely to be held in April, 1992 at Ujjain?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Department of Tourism provides central financial assistance on specific proposals in consultation with the State Governments, subject to availability of funds, their merit and inter-se priority.

In connection with the Singhesh Kumbh festival scheduled to be held in April, 1992 at Ujjain, the Central Department of Tourism has sanctioned a 60 bedded Yatri Niwas to be constructed at Ujjain for which an amount of Rs. 45.00 lakhs has been sanctioned during 1990-91. Besides Rs. 10.00 lakhs has been sanctioned for printing of publicity

material on the mela and Rs. 9.50 lakhs for provision of tents during 1991-92.

[English]

Deletion of Scenes by Censor Board

5140: SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether several instances have come to Government's notice wherein films exhibitors/producers show several scenes in films which were deleted originally while granting them censor certificates

(b) if so the names of these films and languages:

(c) the nature of the punishment prescribed in the Cinematograph Act 1952 for such an offence;

(d) whether the Government have received any representations calling for more deterrent punishment for such offences; and

(e) if so the action taken in the matter ?:

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING(KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Instances have come to the notice of the Government that some of the films exhibited to the public are not shown in the same form in which they have been certified by the Central Board of Films Certification

(b) During the last two years prints of a number of features films/trailers were seized

by the police on complaints that they were being exhibited to the public not in the same form in which they have been certified by the Board . The names of these films, trailers alongwith their languages are given in the statement.

(c) Punishment prescribed in the Cinematography Act,1952 for such an offence is imprisonment for a term which may extent to three years , or fine which may extend to Rs. One lakh or both and in the case of a continuing offence, a further fine which may extend to Rs.20,000/- for each day during which the offence continues.

In case of offences relating to exhibition of uncertified video films, the punishment will be imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than three months, but which may extent to three years and fine which shall not be less than Rs.20,000/- but which may extent to Rs. One lakh and in the case of continuing offence, a further fine which may extend to Rs. 20,000/-for each day during which the offence continues.

In addition Government can suspend / revoke the certificate issued to the film.

(d) and (e) : Suggestions have been coming form time to time from different quarter for more stringent punishment and action against violation of the provisions of the Cinematograph Act, 1952.

Enforcement of the provisions of the Act rests with the State Government and the Union Territory Administrations. The attention of these agencies has been drawn from time to time for more effective implementation of the Act .